

# Artscape

Artists helping artists

April 2014



**Chiu-Ming Chiang** / Autumn Song / 6.5" x 16" / Watercolour



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## Message from the President The art of inspiration

What inspires us as artists to paint and have that desire to pick up a brush? I think we have the passion and need to create but many of us think that we also have to have the inspiration to motivate us.

Inspiration can come from everywhere and only you can tap into it and you must be present, plus ready and open to receive it. It can come from your quiet spaces or it can come as a flash or as a surprise.

I found this out personally when least expecting it. The seed was planted and I must have been open to receive because the more I thought about it the more excited I became. This seed of inspiration captured my imagination and I took a whole new approach to my painting. As Robert Genn quoted "Inspiration comes from doing".

I put my wheels in motion and spent hours taking hundreds of photographs for my new idea and theme. I was so pumped and inspired with excitement I could hardly wait to get in front of my easel. As a result, I created 25 paintings for my new series - and I loved every moment of creation.

What forms of inspiration are available to stimulate and give us our incentive? Constant learning can

awaken and stir our creative juices in so many ways.

Our Society of Western Canadian Artists feeds this desire and presents us with so many opportunities. Attending workshops, listening with an open mind to our guest speakers, participating by exhibiting in our art shows, joining and volunteering on one of our committees and sharing ideas with our fellow artists can all be a stimulus for us. Read art magazines, check out photographs and photography, attend the Art Walks and Gallery Shows and communicate with artists in the business of art. All of these ideas can only inject some inspiration into the soul of your art.

I find what also inspires me is the support of fellow artists plus friends and family. I have always been results oriented and have a lot of drive so I need a purpose when I paint. This purpose spurs me on to completion and results and the success of those results inspire me.

We are all unique and what inspires one may not work for another but you owe it to yourself to find that spark of inspiration that turns you on. Be available and open when that flash of inspiration hits you.

*Diana Templeton, President*  
dtemple1@telus.net

## Newsletter Submissions

The newsletter copy deadline for the May 2014 Artscape is  
**April 20.**

Please send it to:  
**John Labots, Newsletter Editor**  
Email: [jflabots@telusplanet.net](mailto:jflabots@telusplanet.net)  
Telephone: 780-444-4161

## ALLERGY REMINDER

Some of our members have severe allergies and so we want to help them by making our meetings as scent-free as possible.

Refraining from using perfumes or scented body lotions provides a more comfortable atmosphere for everyone!

## STANDARDS

### Jury Workshop

Our Standards Committee will be having a Jurying Workshop in mid April 2014. This workshop is for all the Associate and Signature status members who have not previously attended a workshop. Once

members have attended the workshop, they are able to be a Juror. Those members who still need to take the workshop will be notified of the date as soon as it is available.

### Jury for Status

The On-Site Jury for Status is scheduled for May 12 - an hour prior to the membership meeting. The On-Line Jury for Status will occur during the two weeks prior to the May 12 meeting. Please submit your On-Site or On-Line Applications for Change

in Status at the monthly meeting or mail application to:

Society of Western Canadian Artists  
Jury for Status  
Box 37025, Lynnwood P.O.  
Edmonton AB T5R 5Y2

**Applications must be received no later than April 14, 2014.**

### Jury form online

A Jury Score Sheet was developed for jurors to use and then provided to the Jury for Status applicant after the jury process. The Executive Committee and the Standards Committee felt it would be beneficial to have the form available for members to view and get a sense of what the jurors will be looking for.

The form is available online at [www.swcartists.com](http://www.swcartists.com). Log in and go to: Members Only>Documents>Membership Documents. You will find the Jury Score Sheet listed under Membership.

*Mark your calendar...*

# SWCA MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Monday, April 14, 2014**  
**at Laurier Height Baptist Church**  
8505 - 142 Street NW, Edmonton  
Lower Level

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Library open 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Featured Artist  
**Catharine Compston**  
General Member

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Program  
**Peg McPherson**  
See Programs for details

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**Next meeting: May 12, 2014**

## PROGRAMS

### March program review

The March monthly meeting featured Gerry Rasmussen, the creator of the syndicated comic strip character "Betty" and her husband "Bub Slug". Gerry was an engaging and passionate speaker and demonstrator.

His presentation started with all of us drawing circles in our sketchbooks and, through the use of very simple shapes, we were soon drawing characters and cartoon vehicles. What followed was a very lively and interesting question and answer session that ranged from his experiences at the University of Alberta, to his use of ink as a painting medium, to his collaboration with Gary Delainey.

One of the key insights that Gerry shared with us regarding his experience is that his job as an artist is really to make himself laugh. Time

to get into the studio and move yourself with your work everyone!

## April program

In April, Peg McPherson will speak to us about the intersection of references and inspirations, with vision, theme, and composition in our art-making. The program will be a practical and participatory discussion, where participants will be engaged to think through the process of design for a future work. Everyone is encouraged to bring current reference and inspirational materials (photos/sketches/notes), and a sketchbook.

*Rick Rogers, Programs*  
[buc@rickmo.com](mailto:buc@rickmo.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Roster

A new roster suitable for printing is now available online and reflects the membership as of January 2014. Log in at [www.swcartists.ca](http://www.swcartists.ca), go to Members Only> Documents> Membership Documents and click on Member Roster January 2014 in the list under Membership.

If you find an error in your information, please correct your profile on the website and it will be correct the next time it is published.

*Arlene Bowles, Membership*  
Email: [arlene.bowles@shaw.ca](mailto:arlene.bowles@shaw.ca)  
Telephone: 780.462.5705

## Bring your own cup!

Remember to bring your own cup to the monthly meeting. We continue to try to reduce the use of styrofoam cups. Thanks to everyone who remembers!!

*Sue Scott,*  
*Kitchen*



## SWCA EXHIBITIONS

### Scotia Place Show February 28 to April 25, 2014

The Scotia Place Show is now underway. Artists involved are reminded to check their hanging and take down dates.

## VOLUNTEERS

### Exhibitions Committee looking for volunteers

The Exhibitions Committee is looking for 2 or 3 more volunteers. If you are interested or would like more information about what the Exhibition Committee does, please contact John Labots at 780.944.6871 or [jflabots@telusplanet.net](mailto:jflabots@telusplanet.net).

### Programs Committee looking for assistant

Rick Rogers of the Programs Committee chair is looking for an assistant. If you are interested, please contact Rick at 780.458.3572 or [buc@rickmo.com](mailto:buc@rickmo.com).

## FEATURED ARTISTS

### Call for Featured Artists

Would you like to be a SWCA Featured Artist? We are looking for members who would like to be a Featured Artist at one of our monthly meetings. This opportunity is open to all members: General, Active/Exhibiting, Associate and Signature. Being a feature artist is a great way for other members to get to know who you are as an artist and where you are on your artistic journey. Five or six pieces of art are needed to present.

If you are interested, please contact Esther Koziol at: [pekoziol@telus.net](mailto:pekoziol@telus.net) or 780.443-4219.

## NOTICES

### Sue Scott

#### Ancient Pueblo Exhibition

March 3 to April 30, 2014  
Gracious Goods Cafe  
7601 - 115 Street NW, Edmonton

#### Acrylic Abstracts

April 1 to 30, 2014  
The Carrot Art Gallery and Cafe  
9351 - 118 Avenue NW, Edmonton

#### Bright as Day; Clear as Night

Intuitive Acrylic Abstracts  
April 1 to June 30, 2014  
Grey Nuns Hospital, Second Floor

### Pioneer Art Club

#### Semi-Annual Art Show

Friday, April 25, 5 - 9 p.m.  
Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Legion Hall, 4902 - 44 Avenue across from KFC and Tim Hortons in the Town of Stony Plain - the little town of murals and statues.

SWCA artists represented are Carol Epton and Heidi Smith

For more info, contact Heidi Smith, [herons2@shaw.ca](mailto:herons2@shaw.ca)  
Follow us on Facebook.

### Sharon Hazen Workshops

#### Workshops with Sharon Hazen at The Paint Spot

Information and registration at  
The Paint Spot: 10032 - 81 Avenue,  
Edmonton, 780.432.0240

- **Sunday, May 11**  
12:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Flowers for Mothers Day  
Waterlilies, for mother and child
- **Sunday, May 25**  
12:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Plein Air Painting, oil  
Complete process but indoors

## Dianna Hanna Workshops

### Painting on Fabric

Saturday May 3, 2014  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Devonian Botanical Gardens  
Course #23DH

Fee: \$60.00 plus supply fee of  
\$35.00 per registrant

This is a fun workshop painting on  
fabrics such as organza, cotton and

silk. No experience necessary!

The supply fee is payable to the  
instructor and covers all materials  
needed for the projects including  
special painting dyes and resists

A small list of materials to bring from  
home will be available at registration.

Workshop numbers are limited,  
please register early. This is a  
wonderful workshop just in time for

that perfect Mother's Day gift! We  
will be painting a silk scarf!

Bring your own lunch and  
refreshments or check to see if the  
canteen is open.

To register, phone 780.987.3054  
Extension 2226

### Batik on Oriental Paper with Watercolour

Saturday September 20, 2014  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Devonian Botanical Gardens  
Course #23DH

Fee: \$60.00 plus supply fee of  
\$35.00 per registrant

Batik is an ancient method of  
watercolour painting on papers and  
fabrics using wax as a resist and a  
preservative. Exploring methods to  
create several vignettes on various  
fancy Oriental papers, you will learn  
new and exciting ways for creating  
paintings and gifts and rejuvenate an  
ancient art form. No experience is  
necessary!

The supply fee is payable to the  
instructor and covers the supplies  
necessary for the workshop. A supply  
list of items to bring from home will  
be available at registration.

Bring your own lunch and  
refreshments or check to see if the  
canteen is open.

To register, phone 780.987.3054  
Extension 2226

*Looking forward to sharing a fun,  
creative and wonderful workshop.  
Bring your camera to take photos at  
the workshop.*

*Dianna Hanna  
www.diannahanna.com*



## This month's cover artist Chiu-Ming Chiang

I was born in Taiwan. In Grade  
One, I won an award at the World  
Children's Drawing Competition.  
After entering countless other  
competitions, drawing became  
the most important part of my  
school life.

In 1981, I graduated with a Bachelor  
of Fine Arts degree from the  
National Defense University in  
Taiwan. After graduating, I served in  
the army as an Art Design Officer. In  
1994, I retired from the military to  
become a full-time homemaker.

My family immigrated to Canada in  
2001 where the surrounding beauty  
of the countryside rekindled my  
passion for painting. Until 2008, I  
joined several art groups and began  
to participate in art events around  
the community. In 2008 and 2009, I  
received awards in the Historic

Downtown Abbotsford Plein Air  
competition and the Artists' Choice  
Award at the Annual Spring Show of  
the Fraser Valley Watercolor Society.

At the end of 2010, my husband and  
I took another adventure by moving  
to the extreme cold prairie city of  
Edmonton, where I enjoyed more  
artistic study and met so many great  
artists. I look forward to this new and  
exciting chapter in my life.

### About the artwork:

Each year, the fire-like maple trees  
always puts my heart and mind at  
ease. My backyard bird feeder  
attracts the birds which have  
become my inspiration for my  
autumn series. Watching the birds  
shuttling between trees, I find  
myself wild with joy.



▲ *Autumn Song* / 6.5" x 16" / Watercolour

## Artist of the Month

### Westwood Unitarian Congregation

invites artists and galleries to  
participate in our Artist of the Month  
Program. Selected work will be  
featured in the sanctuary for one  
month. Both the artist and gallery will  
be recognized in our communication  
media. To apply or for more  
information, email

president@westwoodunitarian.ca  
www.westwoodunitarian.ca

## Marjorie Thomson Creativity Coach

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Creativity Coaching by Marjorie Thomson: If you are feeling stalled with your artwork or would like to move to the next level, you may find Creativity Coaching a real help. Creative people are notoriously their own worst enemies and often find themselves discouraged by self sabotaging negative self talk. Creativity Coaching is a way to explore your thoughts and feelings around creativity and to learn to block those negative patterns that are holding you back. For more information on Creativity Coaching see my website at [www.CoachingTheCreative.ca](http://www.CoachingTheCreative.ca).

Contact me at [Marj@CoachingTheCreative.ca](mailto:Marj@CoachingTheCreative.ca) and receive a free 15 minute session. Creativity Coaching is both motivating and fun!

## Orchid Fair: Art Exhibition and Competition

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**Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6**  
**Hole's Enjoy Centre, St. Albert**

The Orchid Society of Alberta invites artists of all ages (youth, adults and seniors) and of all abilities (amateur and professional) to submit 2D and 3D art for display and judging to our annual orchid sale and show. The main focus of your piece must be an orchid(s).

Registration forms and regulations will soon be made available at various art supply stores and art schools as well as online. Check [www.orchidsalberta.com](http://www.orchidsalberta.com) for updates.

## 2nd Annual Art in the Garden Show and Sale

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**Sunday, June 15, 2014**  
**George Pegg Botanic Garden**  
Glenevis, Alberta

You are invited to take part in our 2nd Annual Art Show and Sale. Artisans participating are exhibiting a wide variety of art forms such as fine art, pottery, sculpture, glass, fibre art, jewellery, quilted art, woodwork, and more. The George

Pegg Botanic Garden is a beautiful setting with ample space for artists to demonstrate their talents. If you would like to book a table or are interested in knowing more about the event, please contact Hilde Keller.

**Deadline: April 30, 2014.**  
Registration fee: \$40.00 per artisan

Hilde Keller  
780.785.2103  
[hildekeller@gmail.com](mailto:hildekeller@gmail.com)  
[www.PeggGarden.org](http://www.PeggGarden.org)

## Art Society of Strathcona County Workshops

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Visit [www.artstrathcona.com](http://www.artstrathcona.com) for more information on these upcoming workshops!

■ **Think Positive - Paint in the Negative:** Watercolour for Beginners  
Saturday, April 5, 2014

A beginner watercolour workshop featuring artist Dessirrie Plewis . The intent of the class is to demystify negative painting.

A.J. Ottewell Centre,  
590 Broadmoor Blvd.  
Sherwood Park

**Mastering Acrylics for Intermediate to Advanced Painters**

Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27

B.C. artist David Langevin BFA, M.Ed., SFCA will host a two day intense workshop for the ASSC at the A.J. Ottewell Centre. Learn everything you need to know to master acrylic painting. Visit [www.artstrathcona.com](http://www.artstrathcona.com) for more information.

## Picture This! Framing and Gallery Workshops

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**Professional Artist Workshops**

**Jonn Einerssen**  
April 26 to 27, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Stone Sculpture Workshop with  
**Vance Theoret**  
April 26 to 27, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information visit:  
[www.picturethisgallery.com/Pro-Art.asp](http://www.picturethisgallery.com/Pro-Art.asp) or contact:

Picture This! Framing and Gallery  
959 Ordze Rd, Sherwood Park  
Phone: 780.467.3038

## Aurora Visual Arts Society

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**Watercolour workshop  
by Lian Quan Zhen**

September 21 to 23, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Bonnyville Ag Hall  
5211 - 47 Street, Bonnyville, AB

Lian Quan Zhen is a popular watercolour and Chinese painting artist and teacher in the U.S. and abroad. He is one of the most popular authors of North Light Books. You can see some of his art on his website at [www.lianspainting.com](http://www.lianspainting.com).

Cost: \$250 for AVAA members,  
\$280 for non-members.

To register, send \$100 deposit to:  
Aurora Visual Arts Association  
Attention: Leonie Poole  
Box 5538, Bonnyville, AB T9N 2G6  
Deadline for registration: June 30.

For more information, contact  
Leonie at [dlpoole@mcsnet.ca](mailto:dlpoole@mcsnet.ca).

*Submitted by Leonie Poole*

## Series 2014 - Summer Arts School: Painting and Drawing Classes

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Don't miss Series 2014 - Summer Arts School. Offering courses in drawing & painting including figure drawing, watercolor, plein aire, abstract, oil pastels and more by artist/instructors Bev Tosh, Isabelle Hunt Johnson, Ross Bradley, Justin Ogilvie, Katarzyna Koralewska, Maureen Enns, Samantha da Silva, Willie Wong, Jean Pedersen to name a few. All skill levels are offered as

well as courses in glass, photography, sculpture, jewelry, metals & woodworking. Be a part of the Series community this summer. For further information call 403.356.4900 or [www.rdc.ab.ca/series](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/series). Catalogues available online.



March's featured artist  
**Katalin Dusek**

**MINUTES**

**Membership meeting  
 March 10, 2014**

Chair: Diana Templeton  
 Secretary: Sharon Abbott  
 Attendance: 46  
 Call to Order: 7:01 pm

**Agenda:**

- Welcome to members, new members and guests – Diana Templeton, President
- Allergy reminder
- Cover Artist – Teresa B. Graham
- Feature Artist – Katalin Dusek
- Attendance Count
- Committee Updates:
  - Standards – Carmen Gonzalez
  - Library – Marjorie Thomson
  - Membership – Arlene Bowles
  - Exhibitions – Madeleine Arnett, John Labots
  - Workshops – Rick Rogers for Meghana Gauthier
  - Program – Rick Rogers
  - Volunteers – Teresa Graham
  - Featured Artists – Esther Koziol
  - Kitchen – Sue Scott
  - Greeters – Sirkka Kadatz
  - Paint Outs – Kathy Dyck
- Member Announcements
- Adjournment

**Motions:**

- Motion to accept minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting as published in the March 2014 newsletter. Moved by Rick Rogers, seconded Nancy Rae. Passed.
- Adjournment of meeting. Moved by Rick Rogers. Passed.



▲ *Canola Sunshine / Watercolour*



▲ *Before The Storm / Watercolour*



▲ *Spring Time / Watercolour*



▲ *Autumn Light / Watercolour*



▲ *Farmers Gold / Watercolour*



▲ *Mountain Glory / Watercolour*



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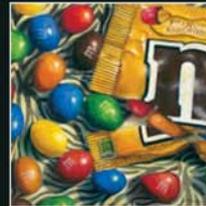
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Alex Halliburton



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